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Sex cases fuel study of judicial policies

Chief justice orders initiative to protect clerks, others from harassment

BY ROBERT BARNES

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. announced an initiative Sunday to ensure there are proper procedures in place to protect law clerks and other court employees from sexual harassment, saying it is clear that the federal judiciary “is not immune” from a widespread problem.

The statement, in Roberts’s 2017 State of the Judiciary Report, follows the retirement last month of Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. The influential 67-year-old judge stepped down after two reports in The Washington Post detailed allegations he had subjected former law clerks and other women to inappropriate sexual behavior.

“Events in recent months have illuminated the depth of the problem of sexual harassment in the workplace, and events in the past few weeks have made clear that the judicial branch is not immune,” Roberts wrote.

“The judiciary will begin 2018 by undertaking a careful evaluation of whether its standards of conduct and its procedures for investigating and correcting inappropriate behavior are appropriate.”

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Colleges offer tuition help in exchange for future income

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL

Nestled along the San Diego coastline, Point Loma Nazarene University is a world away from Wall Street. But the Christian liberal arts college is at the forefront of financial innovation.

This past fall, Point Loma began offering some of its 4,500 students money for college in exchange for a percentage of their future earnings. The model, known as an income share agreement, requires colleges and students to take a chance on each other, a shared responsibility that was attractive to Point Loma.

“It sends a message to the student that we’re in this with you,” said George Latter, vice president of finance and administrative services at Point Loma. “And unlike a grant, you have the prospect of these funds coming back in and creating a revolving form of financing.”

Income share agreements, commonly called ISAs, have generated a lot of buzz since Purdue University in Indiana introduced its program in 2016.

A handful of small companies and nonprofits have run pilot

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‘Everyone has parents but us’

BY ANNIE GOWEN IN UKHIA, BANGLADESH

Three months ago, these two Rohingya brothers had a loving family, a little house near a river, a worn soccer ball to play with and 15 cows for fresh milk.

It’s all gone now: The family killed. The house torched. The cows stolen.

More than 650,000 Rohingya Muslims from Burma fleeing a military crackdown have entered Bangladesh since late August, one of the most rapid exoduses in history. Last month, the U.N. human rights chief suggested that the Burmese military deliberately targeted civilians belonging to the mi-

Orphaned Rohingya brothers escape a massacre but must survive a refugee camp

Shamsul, left, and Jafar stand outside the home they share with their uncle and his family in the Thaingkhalhi Rohingya refugee camp in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh. Being with relatives has provided some comfort. But it has not staved off the hunger, or the grief.

nority Rohingya in “acts of appalling barbarity” that may have included “elements of genocide.”

The ordeal began Aug. 25, when Rohingya militants attacked Burmese police posts. Five days later, the boys’ village was inundated with soldiers who — human rights groups allege — killed, raped and burned villagers in their homes. Shamsul, 8, and Jafar, 11, followed a stream of people to Bangladesh, two of about 1,800 children who made the terrifying days-long journey to safety without their immediate caregivers, according to UNICEF. Many have been taken in by neighbors or extended families, authorities say.

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Colorado deputy killed, 4 officers hurt in barrage of gunfire

Nick Frydrychowski, left, watches a procession of police vehicles escort the hearse carrying the body of a deputy killed in an “ambush-type attack” on officers responding to a domestic disturbance in a Denver suburb. Four deputies and two civilians were injured. Story, A7.

In year under Pruitt, a climate change at EPA

Chief halts or reverses rules, alters agency focus

BY BRADY DENNIS AND JULIET EILPERIN

Since 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency has been embroiled in an enforcement battle with a Michigan-based company accused of modifying the state’s largest coal-fired power plant without getting federal permits for a projected rise in pollution.

On Dec. 7, as the Supreme Court was considering whether to hear the case, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a memo that single-handedly reversed the agency’s position. No longer would the EPA be “second-guessing” DTE Energy’s emission projections. Rather, it would accept the firm’s

“intent” to manage its pollution without requiring an enforceable agreement — part of President Trump’s broader push to reduce the “burden” on companies, he wrote.

The little-noticed episode offers a glimpse into how Pruitt has spent his first year running the EPA. In legal maneuvers and executive actions, in public speeches and closed-door meetings with industry groups, he has moved to shrink the agency’s reach, alter its focus, and pause or reverse numerous environmental rules. The effect has been to steer the EPA in the direction sought by those being regulated.

Along the way, Pruitt has begun to dismantle former president Barack Obama’s environmental legacy, halting the agency’s efforts to combat climate change and to shift the nation away from its

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IN THE NEWS



RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST

Redskins fall in finale, 18-10 Kirk Cousins threw three interceptions as Eli Manning and the Giants gave Washington a losing season. D1

Unrest in Iran The president pleads for peaceful demonstrations as protesters rail against corruption for a fourth day. A9

THE NATION Rep. Devin Nunes’s attacks against special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s team and the FBI have raised alarms among Democrats and some Republicans. A2

Recreational marijuana sales begin in California today, but a patchwork of regulations creates hurdles for some growers and distributors. A3

Bitterly cold weather spreading across the Deep South will possibly be deadly, and forecasters warned freezing weather is likely to last for several days in a re-

gion more accustomed to brief bursts of Arctic air than night after night below zero. A7

THE WORLD An explosion at a funeral in Afghanistan’s eastern province of Nangahar killed at least 17 civilians, officials said. A9

A plane carrying 10 U.S. citizens and two local crew members crashed in a wooded area, killing all aboard, Costa Rica’s government said. A13

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un boasted in a New Year’s Day speech

that he has a nuclear button on his desk. A13

THE ECONOMY U.S. crude oil production is flirting with record highs as the new year begins, thanks to the technological nimbleness of shale oil drillers. A11

THE REGION One in 10 people ages 18 to 25 were homeless in the past year, according to a national survey. B1

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY The Rose Parade marches for its 129th year in Pasadena, Calif., followed by the College

Football Playoff semifinals in the Rose Bowl and, in New Orleans, the Sugar Bowl.

TUESDAY Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) is expected to step down as a result of sexual misconduct allegations against him. Minnesota Lt. Gov. Tina Smith is set to take his place.

WEDNESDAY The Senate convenes for its first session of the year, with Democrats Doug Jones (Ala.) and Tina Smith scheduled to be sworn in.

FRIDAY Non-farm payrolls in December are expected to fall to 185,000.

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